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June 15, 2000

BY HAND

Mary Cottrell, Secretary

Department of Telecommunications and Energy

One South Station

Boston, MA 02110

Re: Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 00-40

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

This letter is to give notice to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department" or "DTE") regarding the intention of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency and the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority (collectively, the "Agencies") with respect to the filing of intervenor testimony in the above-referenced proceedings.

Although the Agencies do not, at this time, plan to file direct testimony, the Agencies wish to reserve their right to do so or, with the approval of the Hearing Officer, to present oral testimony, if such testimony is necessary to respond to or amplify on the oral testimony that the witnesses for Western Massachusetts Electric Company will give at the evidentiary hearings scheduled between June 20 and June 22, 2000. The Agencies also give notice that they may wish to testify at such hearings, both in response to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company testimony and to answer any questions the Department may raise, without prefiling such testimony, if permitted by the hearing officer. If the Agencies file or present testimony, the witnesses (with their business addresses) are listed below.

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Although the specific topics that the witnesses will cover, if any, may necessarily depend upon the oral testimony of Western Massachusetts Electric Company witnesses, the foregoing individuals will be prepared to address issues relating to the credit rating process, rating agency criteria and the terms and conditions of the bond financing. More generally, the witnesses will be knowledgeable in the specific areas that the Agencies address in their Comments, filed on May 30, 2000. Bond Counsel will also be available to address any questions regarding legal opinions.

In the event that the Agencies do not file or present direct testimony, they are nevertheless prepared to make the foregoing individuals available at a technical session that the Department might schedule, in lieu of or in addition to an evidentiary hearing. Such a technical session could provide a convenient and efficient means for the Department to obtain necessary technical input from the Agencies.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of it and returning it to the waiting messenger.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

Maria J. Kroki das
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cc: Judith Laster, Hearing Officer
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